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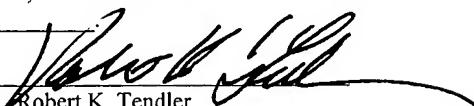
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Carlson, Mark A., et al.  
Application No: 10/027,325  
Filing Date: 12/20/2001  
Title: Compact Deployment & Retrieval  
System for a Towed Decoy Utilizing a  
Single Cable Employing Fiber Optics  
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a) (6) TO ACCEPT AN  
UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e)

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for the acceptance of an unintentionally delayed Claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) under Provisional Applications Serial Nos. 60/328,594 and 60/328,617, both filed October 10, 2001. An Amendment requesting insertion of the appropriate cross reference accompanies this petition. (Rights under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) under Provisional Application Serial Application Serial No. 60/328,603 were claimed in the application as filed.)

The entire delay between the date that the Claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78 (a) (5) (February 10, 2003) and the date that this Claim is being filed was unintentional.

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